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REVIEW OF NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MISSION HORTICULTURE TECHNOLOGY MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Horticulture Mission/Horticulture Technology Mission is being implemented in all the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has made any review on the implementation of the National Horticulture and Horticulture Technology Mission;

(e) if so, the State-wise and Year-wise achievement made in the implementation of these national schemes; and

(f) the further steps being taken to achieve better success in implementing these schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on

(i) Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern States (TMNE) including Sikkim since 2001-02, which was extended to Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand during the year 2003-04; and

(ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in the remaining States and Union Territories from 2005-06, for the holistic development of horticulture sector.

(c): Does not arise.

(d)&(e): The implementation of TMNE scheme is being regularly reviewed and monitored by a Central Steering Committee headed by Secretary, Agriculture & Cooperation.The Mini Mission wise programmes are being reviewed and monitored by the concerned Steering Committees, headed by Director General, ICAR (for Mini Mission-1), Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (for Mini Mission − II & III) and Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (for Mini Mission-IV). State wise details of physical targets and achievements for major components and funds released and expenditure incurred under TMNE scheme during 2001-02 to 2006-07 are given at Annexure-I.

The performance of NHM scheme has been reviewed thrice since the launch of the scheme by the General Council of NHM headed by the Union Agriculture Minister.Besides, the performance of implementation of scheme in terms of physical and financial progress is reviewed regularly by the Executive Committee of NHM under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C).In addition, Joint Inspection Teams constituted by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation conducts regular field visits to the individual States. State wise details of the physical targets and achievements for major components under NHM during 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given at Annexure-II.

State wise details of funds released and expenditure incurred during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 are given at Annexure-III.

(f): To achieve better success in implementing these two schemes, the following steps are being taken:-

(i) Focus on providing good quality planting material to farmers.

(ii) Dovetailing of various programmes of other Ministries/Departments with NHM programme.

(iii) Strengthening of infrastructure of State implementing agencies in terms of manpower and other facilities at the State as well as district levels for effective implementation and monitoring of the Scheme.